

Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force

Action Minutes for May 23, 2005

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

The Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force held its meeting at the Southern California Association of Governments offices in Los Angeles. There was a videoconference at the SCAG Inland Office in Riverside. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica.

Committee Chair: Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica
Committee Vice Chair: Susan Longville, San Bernardino

Members Present

Aldinger, Jim
Cook, Debbie
Feinstein, Michael
Miller, Mike
Nowatka, Paul
O'Connor, Pam
Perry, Bev
Young, Toni

Representing

Manhattan Beach
Huntington Beach
Santa Monica
West Covina
Torrance
Santa Monica
Brea
Port Hueneme

Members Absent

Bowlen, Paul
Garcia, Lee Ann
Longville, Susan
Ovitt, Gary
Pettis, Greg

Representing

Cerritos
Grand Terrace
San Bernardino
San Bernardino
CVAG

New Members

None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Pam O'Connor, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None offered.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

The order of action items heard was reversed, with item 5.2 presented before item 5.1, without objection.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Minutes of April 25, 2005 accepted

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Economy and Education Chapter Revisions

Bruce DeVine, SCAG Chief Economist, provided a report on the chapter development reflecting the changes after the last Task Force meeting. Each point was read and discussed and the members discussed further changes. (Toni Young requested an email of the revised document prior to the next meeting, so changes could be reviewed beforehand to facilitate Task Force input.)

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Action: The Task Force, without objection, directed that staff revise the report, based on comments, and agendize for the next meeting.

5.2 Transportation

Sina Zarifi, SCAG staff, went over each point of the attachment, i.e. RTP Goals, Adopted Policy, Recommended Actions of System Improvements, TDM – Non-Motorized (which he defined), Land Use, Highways and Arterials, Transit, Goods Movement, Aviation and Goods Movement. There was discussion regarding local control of land use and incentives for cities to do the right thing, but work through COGs.

Action: The Task Force instructed staff to take the report to the Transportation & Communications Committee, without objection. Staff will suggest language for the Maglev chapter so that changes can be made to it in the future.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Schedule and Next Steps

Ashwani Vasisht, SCAG staff, discussed key enterprises that SCAG is undertaking: Compass, RTP and RCP, which should capture policy to implement EIR process. CEQA should be tweaked to look at overall process. Sylvia Patsaouras, SCAG staff, stated that we have been in discussion with experts who are outside of SCAG. There was a short discussion.

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

None

8.0 STAFF REPORT

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None discussed

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Again, it was suggested that the Task Force's next meeting be held at the Museum of Natural History with a tour afterwards of the exhibit entitled, "Collapse." All members present agreed. It was announced that there would be no meeting in June, resuming the normal schedule in July. All members agreed that there should be no lunch served at these meetings, even though they go to 12:30 p.m.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next Task Force was scheduled for July 28, 2005 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the location to be announced later.